

CITY OF MUSCATINE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Council Chambers – 7:00 p.m. –January 3, 2019

Mayor Diana Broderson called the City Council meeting for Thursday, January 3, 2019, to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were: Councilmembers Harvey, Brockert, Saucedo, Brackett, Fitzgerald and Malcolm.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Joseph Wisler, 700 West 7th Street, came to comment on the fireworks being shot off on New Years Eve. He stated he feels it is a safety issue and it upsets the animals.

Councilmember Brackett encouraged citizens that are opposed to fireworks to reach out to their legislators.

Consent Agenda

Councilmember Brackett, Seconded by Councilmember Harvey moved the Consent Agenda be approved as follows:

- Regular City Council Minutes – December 20, 2018
- Receive and File Items 12 A-B
- Bills for Approval totaling \$1,786,513.62

Vote – 6 ayes, 1 absent (Spread); motion carried.

Public Hearing

Mayor Broderson Stated this public hearing concerns the declaration of Real Estate as Surplus Property and Offering Said Real Estate for Sale. There were no oral or written comments from the public. Councilmember Fitzgerald moved to close public hearing seconded by Councilmember Brackett.

Vote – 6 ayes, 1 absent (Spread); motion carried.

Item 11A

Councilmember Harvey moved to adopt Resolution #2019-0001, authorizing the sale of and executing a deed of surplus property to Casey & Melinda Oberreuter in the amount of \$250. Seconded by Councilmember Brockert.

Vote – All ayes; motion carried.

Item 11B

Councilmember Brackett moved to adopt Resolution #2019-0002, authorizing the sale of and executing a deed of surplus property to Jonathan & Shelley Meyer in the amount of \$1,900. Seconded by Councilmember Harvey.

Vote – 6 ayes, 1 absent (Spread); motion carried.

Item 11C

Councilmember Fitzgerald moved to approve a request approving a purchase agreement regarding the sale of 614 Mulberry Ave. Seconded by Councilmember Brackett.

Vote – 6 ayes, 1 absent (Spread); motion carried.

Item 11D

Councilmember Malcolm moved to adopt Resolution #2019-0003, authorizing the sale of and executing a deed of surplus property to Rebuilding Together Muscatine County in the amount of \$250. Seconded by Councilmember Brackett.

Vote – 6 ayes, 1 absent (Spread); motion carried

Item 11E

Councilmember Brackett moved to adopt Resolution #2019-0004, authorizing the sale of and executing a deed of surplus property to Habitat for Humanity in the amount of \$500. Seconded by Councilmember Brockert.

Vote – 6 ayes, 1 absent (Spread); motion carried.

Item 11F

Councilmember Brackett moved to adopt Resolution #2019-0005, accepting completed work and authorizing final payment for West Hill Sewer Separation Project – Phase 4A. Seconded by Councilmember Brockert.

Councilmember Saucedo had questions regarding following phases after 4A that were answered by City Engineer Jim Edgmond.

Vote – 6 ayes, 1 absent (Spread); motion carried.

Item 11G

Councilmember Brocket moved to adopt Resolution #2019-0006, approving the Muscatine Airport Improvement Plan. Seconded by Councilmember Brackett.

Vote – 6 ayes, 1 absent (Spread); motion carried.

Item 11H

Councilmember Brackett moved to approve request#2019-0007 to prepare for the change of City Code 1-10-2 City Administrator E1B. Seconded by Councilmember Malcolm.

There were questions from Councilmember Saucedo regarding the changes requested to the City Code that were addressed by Councilmember Brackett.

City Administrator Gregg Mandsager stated that the current system has been in place and worked for the past 27 years with no issues and does not understand what the conflict is.

Councilmember Brackett stated his intention was to open up communication between city staff and Councilmembers.

Councilmembers stated they have never been told they could not communicate with Employees as long as City Administrator was made aware of said communication.

Councilmember Brackett stated he would like it stated that communication is allowed between Councilmember and City Staff regarding City business as long as notification is given to City Administrator.

Councilmember Malcolm asked if it would be better for the City Attorney to look over and come up with language with more clarity and then bring back to council.

Vote – 1 Aye (Brackett) 5 Nays 1 Absent (Spread): Motion Failed.

Communication-Council Members

Councilmember Fitzgerald stated this is his 28th year on Council and appreciates the loyalty of the citizens.

Councilmember Brackett stated he has concerns regarding the fireworks.

Mayor Broderson stated she did not have any complaints regarding fireworks over New Years.

City Administrator Mandsager reminded Council of Harold Bennitt's retirement and congratulated Councilmember Fitzgerald on his 28 years on council.

Mayor Broderson stated she had chosen Councilmember Brackett as the Mayor Pro-Tem starting immediately.

Councilmember Brackett moved the meeting be adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Mayor Diana Broderson

City Administrator, Gregg Mandsager